GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:300
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2003
MILITANTS IN TIHAR JAIL
KAMAL NATH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the officials of Pakistan High Commission at New Delhi and other separatist organisations are providing financial help to militants lodged in Tihar Jail as reported in the Statesman dated February 8, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the secret information regarding lodging of militants in jail is passed on to the Militant Organisations;

(d) if so, the names of the agencies found involved therein; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to fix responsibility and to break the nexus and take necessary preventive measures in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.300 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 11.3.2003.

(a)&(b): It was, inter alia, reported in the news item in question that a document was recovered from an office bearer of `Kashmir Awareness Bureau` which indicated the details of militants lodged in Central Jail, Tihar and that the money received from the Pakistan High Commission was meant to be used for militant activities as also to help the militants lodged in the jail in fighting their legal battles. The investigation of the case referred to in the news item has not, however, so far revealed that the funds recovered were meant specifically to help the militants lodged in the Central Jail, Tihar.

(c)to(e): The prisoners/under-trials lodged in Central Jail, Tihar are entitled to meet their advocates, relatives and friends at such periodicity and subject to such conditions as are laid down in this behalf. The information in regard to location of a prisoner in a particular jail within the jail premises is not, therefore, of a secret nature.